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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AFFAIR- REACTION TO PRESIDENTIAL LETTER

1. FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING MARCH 12, GOJ ANNOUNCED FOLLOWING FOUR POINT POLICY ON ACCEPTANCE OF PRESIDENTIAL LETTER: (A) GOJ WILL RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM US ON CONDITIONAL BASIS; (B) NECESSARY MEASURES TO RECEIVE INFORMATION WILL BE TAKEN; (C) GOJ WILL SEEK CLOSE COOPERATION WITH US IN ORDER TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH; (D) GOJ WILL ENDEAVOR TO RESOLVE THE CASE QUICKLY AND THOROUGHLY. (UNDERSTAND DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED FULL TEXT OF CABINET DECISION.) ALSO, AFTER CABINET MEETING JUSTICE MINISTER INABA ANNOUNCED THE DISPATCH EARLY NEXT WEEK OF ADMINISTRATIVE VICE MINISTER SHIOYA TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF INFORMATION.

2. LDP LEADERSHIP, WHICH HAD BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE CABINET MEETING ISSUED A STATEMENT FULLY SUPPORTING GOJ STAND. SECGEN
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NAKASONE, NOTING THAT PRESIDENTIAL REPLY DEMONSTRATED

UNDERSTANDING FOR GOJ REQUEST AND DIET RESOLUTIONS,
SAID THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATION ON CONDITIONS WOULD
BE INAPPROPRIATE AND URGED DIET TO SET LOCKHEED AFFAIR
ASIDE AND GET ON WITH HANDLING OF BUDGET.

3. OPPOSITION PREDICTABLY REACTED STRONGLY, CLAIMING
US-JAPANESE COLLUSION IN ATTEMPT TO COVER-UP AFFAIR
AND DEMANDING THAT MIKI RENEGOTIATE TERMS FOR RELEASE OF
INFORMATION. OPPOSITION CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENTIAL
RESPONSE COMPLETELY IGNORED THE WILL OF THE DIET AND
REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN DIET PROCEEDINGS UNTIL ITS DEMANDS
WERE MET. JCP SPOKESMAN PROPOSED THAT DIET
DISPATCH A MISSION TO THE US TO CONVEY ITS WISHES
DIRECTLY.

4. MARCH 13 EDITORIALS WERE GENERALLY DISAPPOINTED
AT "SEVERITY" OF CONDITIONS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT,
BUT NOTED THAT THEY HAD BEEN EXPECTED SINCE INGERSOLL
STATEMENT, AND THAT GOJ HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO
ACCEPT THEM. ASAHI, NIHON KEIZAI AND
YOMIURI URGED GOJ TO GET ON WITH ITS OWN
INVESTIGATION. NIHON KEIZAI POINTED OUT, HOWEVER,
UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US
AND JAPANESE LEGAL PROCEDURES OVER TIMING OF RELEASE
OF INFORMATION AND URGED THEIR CLARIFICATION. IT ALSO
POINTED OUT DIFFICULTY OF OBTAINING PROOF IN POLITICAL
SCANDALS AND POINTED TO PAST CASES THAT HAD ENDED
INCONCLUSIVELY. ASAHI EDITORIAL STATES THAT, WHILE IT
CAN UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE PRESIDENT'S
CONDITIONS, THE SITUATIONS IN THE US AND JAPAN ARE DIFFERENT
IN THAT THE FORMER INVOLVES EFFORTS TO PROTECT STOCK-
HOLDERS WHILE THE ISSUE HAS DEEP POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE
LATTER. ASAHI NOTES THAT SUGGESTIONS TO THE EFFECT THAT US
CONDITIONS WERE MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO PRESERVE A
FRIENDLY GOVERNMENT IN JAPAN WOULD ONLY INVITE A
REACTION FROM THE JAPANESE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE
FOR CHOOSING THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT. WITHOUT SUGGESTING
RENEGOTIATION OF CONDITIONS, ASAHI URGES GOJ
TO MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF US-FURNISHED INFORMATION IN
PURSUING ITS OWN INVESTIGATION.
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5. IN A LOCKHEED-RELATED DEVELOPMENT, MARCH 13 PRESS
REPORTS THAT PROSECUTORS INTEND TO BRING CHARGES AGAINST
YOSHIO KODAMA TODAY BEFORE STATUTE OF
LIMITATIONS EXPIRES TONIGHT FOR EVASION OF SOME 856 MILLION YEN
IN 1972 TAXES. CHARGES ARE BASED ON KODAMA'S RECEIPTS
FOR 1,442 MILLION YEN FROM LOCKHEED AND OTHER FEES
RECEIVED DURING YEAR.

6. OPPOSITION REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE IN DIET PROCEEDINGS HAS POSTPONED ANY HOPE THAT MIKI WOULD BE ABLE TO CONVENE DIET SESSION BEFORE NEXT WEEK IN ORDER TO EXPLAIN GOJ ACTIONS. PRESS REPORTS, HOWEVER, THAT HE MAY CONVENE A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER TODAY IN EFFORT TO SEEK POPULAR SUPPORT FOR RETURNING DIET TO NORMALCY. PRESENT OUTLOOK IS THAT OPPOSITION WILL DEMAND FULL DISCUSSION OF LOCKHEED AFFAIR NEXT WEEK AND THAT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL NOT RESUME UNTIL END OF WEEK.

7. COMMENT. FONOFF CONTACTS OBSERVED THAT THE INITIAL REACTION TO MIKI'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL IS MORE MODERATE THAN THEY HAD FEARED. THEY ALSO REPORT RELIEF IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, WHERE THERE APPARENTLY WAS SOME QUESTION WHETHER MIKI COULD MAKE IT STICK WITHIN THE PARTY AND BEFORE THE PUBLIC.

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